

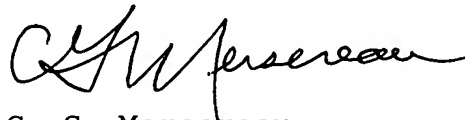
REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, the claims have been amended as indicated in order to bring the form of the claims and multiple dependencies into conformance with U.S. practice. The total number of claims in the application has also been reduced.

The amendments have not been intended to narrow the scope of the claims in any manner. Early examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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